State/Ut		Birth Rate		
		1994	1995	1996 Prov.
5	J&K	NA	NA	NA
6	Manipur	21.7	20.6	19.4
7	Meghalaya	29.5	29.0	30.4
8	Mizoram	NA	NA	NA
9	Nagaland	20.1	NA	NA
10	Sikkim	24.6	22.5	20.0
11	Tripura	21.9	18.9	18.8
III	*Union Territories*			
1	A&N Islands	18.0	18.7	17.8
2	Chandigarh	19.0	19.5	16.9
3	D&N Haveli	34.4	29.7	28.9
4	Daman & Diu	24.8	21.8	21.0
5	Lakshadweep	26.8	25.5	28.8
6	Pondicherry	19.0	20.1	18.0

Source: Sample Registration System
NA: Not available.

Amount being spent on health care

239. SHRI SHIV CHARAN SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what percentage of GDP is being spent on health care in the country at present;

(b) whether Government are considering to increase it in the near future; and

(c) if so, the details thereof, and not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) As per the WHO Regional Health Report 1997, health expenditure as a percentage of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) is 6% (1990) of which 1.3% is from public sector and 4.7% from private sector.

(b) and (c) To augment the resources for the health sector a number of new initiatives have been taken up like availing of external assistance for various disease control programme, renovating and modernising important Central Institutions and organisations and strengthening of selected health systems in the State Govts. As a result of this Rs. 2718.64 crores of external aid would be availed of for disease control programmes for AIDS, Leprosy, T.B., Blindess and Malaria over the project periods. State Governments would receive loan assistance of Rs. 2277.40 crores for the State Health Systems projects.

Greater Autonomy for Jammu and Kashmir

240. SHRI GOVINDRAM MIRI:
SHRI SHIV CHARAN SINGH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have since received a renewed demand for greater autonomy of Jammu & Kashmir in the light of Autonomy Committee set-up by the present Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE

MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN): (A) no, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Autonomy Committee set up by the State Governemnt has not yet submitted its report. As such any question regarding the reaction of Central Government is premature.

Number of Militant Organisaitons in Jammu and Kashmir

241. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of militant organisaitons now in Jammu & Kashmir;

(b) since when these organsaitons are operating; and

(c) whether their demands are same and where are their training centres and who are giving them shelter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S. R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN):

(a) and (b) As informed by the State Government, there are at present around ten militant organisations in J & K. The names and the year since when the organisations are operating are as follow:

1. Hizbul Mujahideen	1990
2. Harkat-ul-Ansar	1993
3. Lashkar-e-Toiba	1996
4. Al-Burq	1990
5. Tehreek-ul-Mujahideen	1990
6. Al-Jehad	1990
7. J&K Liberation Front	1988
8. Al-Umar Mujahideen	1990
9. Hizbullah	1993
10. Dukhtran-e-Milat	1987

(c) While the militant outfit like JKLF stand for ultimate and complete independence of the State of J&K, as it existed prior to 1947, the Harkat-ul-Ansar and Lashkar-e-Toiba are propogating total global Islamisation. Al-Jehad, Al-Umar, Hizbullah and Dukhtran-e-Milat stand for Kashmir secession, from India and merger with Pakistan. As informed by the State Government there are around 126 training centres across the border, in Pakistan and POK, and such training is reported to be imparted by the Pakistani agency, the ISI.

Relief to Non-entitled Persons

242. SHRI BANGARU LAXMAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government are providing relief, both in cash and kind, to those Kashmiri migrants who had no source of livelihood after leaving their homes in the Kashmir Valley;

(b) whether Government employees, pensioners and public servants such as MPs are not entitled to this relief;

(c) if so, whether Government have received complaints regarding some of the categories of people as in part (b) above, receiving the above relief;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken/proposed to be taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN): (a) to (e) The respective State Governments, where the migrants are residing, provide relief to the needy migrants as per norms/rules in vogue in those States. Consequently, the complaints, if any, in this regard are received by those state Governments and action as appropriate is taken by them.

Central Assistance for Rehabilitation of Child/Bonded Labour

243. SHRI MOHINDAR SINGH KALYAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to State:

(a) the details of central assistance sanctioned to the State Governments under the Ninth Five Year Plan for the rehabilitation of child labour and bonded labour;